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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-93 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-93 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Warnings

1. Applicant is advised that should claims 80 and 83 be found allowable, claim 83 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 11-16, 19, 24, 27-29, 32, 39-41, 52-57, 60, 65, 68-70, 73, 76, 78-84, and 89-93 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Regarding claims 11, 27, 39, 52, 68, 80, 83, and 91; the subject matter of *a wireless signal including a suite of gestures and information of a freehand note* is not described in the specification.

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Regarding claims 12, 28, 40, 53, 69, 81, and 92; the subject matter of *an infrared signal including a suite of gestures and information of a freehand note* is not described in the specification.

Regarding claims 13, 29, 41, 54, 70, 82, and 93; the subject matter of *a radio frequency signal including a suite of gestures and information of a freehand note* is not described in the specification.

Regarding claims 14 and 55; the subject matter of *creating a new one of the plurality of templates* is not described in the specification.

Regarding claims 15 and 56; the subject matter of *a user creating the template utilizing an input device of a computer* is not described in the specification.


Regarding claims 16 and 57; the subject matter of *a user associating the new suite of gestures utilizing an input device of a computer* is not described in the specification.

Regarding claims 19, 32, 60, and 73; the subject matter of *the suite of gestures from the signal includes the coordinates of marks made on a form* is not described in the specification.

Regarding claims 24, 65, and 89; the subject matter of *converting a command element from a control area into the suite of gestures* is not described in the specification.

Regarding claim 76; the subject matter of *a network and a second device having a receiver to receive the signal via the network* is not described in the specification.

Regarding claims 78 and 89; the subject matter of *the plurality of forms each include a writing sheet and ink printed on the writing sheet, the ink leaving space for writing the note in freehand* is not described in the specification.



Regarding claim 79; the subject matter of *the template being customizable to change a location of the command area to allow for a different form having a command area at a different location to be used* is not described in the specification.

Regarding claim 84; the subject matter of *a kit for recording a note in freehand, comprising: a unit for relaying a suite of gestures and information of a note in freehand created on a form, including a pad having a surface on which the form can be positioned, the pad including a housing, and, secured to the housing, a positioned sensor detecting the position of a writing tip of a writing instrument is used to create the note in freehand and the suite of gestures on the form, and providing information of the note in freehand and the suite of gestures, a signal converter which receives the suite of gestures and the information of the note in freehand from the position sensor and converts the information and suite of gestures to a signal, and, a transmitter which receives the signal from the signal converter and transmits the signal to a remote location; and a computer readable medium having stored thereon a program which, when executed by a processor of a user computer at the remote location is capable of: (i) communicating with a receiver which receives the signal which is transmitted; (ii) recognizing the suite of gestures in the signal; (iii) comparing the transmitted suite of gestures from the signal with a number of different computer-level suite of gestures, each computer-level suite of gestures having a different computer-level template associated therewith, and selecting a selected one of the computer-level suite of gestures based on a comparison with the suite of gestures in the signal* is not described in the specification.

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Regarding claim 90; the subject matter of *at least some of the forms each include a writing sheet and ink printed on the writing sheet, the ink being laid out so that a plurality of command areas are defined thereby* is not described in the specification.

4. Additionally, claims 58, 77, and 85-88 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as being dependent upon rejected base claims.

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 10, 35, 51, 76, 84, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

7. The term "*accessing a/the template in the table that corresponds most closely with the suite of gestures*" in claims 10 and 51 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term "*corresponds most closely*" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. No objective or explicit method for determining *which table corresponds most closely with a suite of gestures* has been claimed.

8. The term "*the curve being similar to the cursive note in freehand*" in claims 35 and 84 and the term "*the template having a layout similar to the form*" in claim 76 are relative terms which render the respective claims indefinite. The term "*similar*" is not defined by the claims, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of

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ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. No objective or explicit method for determining *similarity* has been claimed.

9. Additionally, claims 36-41, 77-83, and 85-93 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being dependent upon rejected base claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

10. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

11. Claims 1-93 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shetye et al. (US 5,627,349 A).

Regarding claim 1, Shetye discloses a method comprising: receiving a signal from a receiver [Fig. 1; 14 & 16], the signal including a suite of gestures [Fig. 2; 58] and information of a freehand note [Fig. 2; 54], the information to describe the freehand note; selecting a template based on a comparison of the suite of gestures with a plurality of different computer-level templates, each of the plurality of computer-level templates being differentiated from each other; and displaying [Fig. 1; 18] a two-dimensional image of the selected template and a curve on the image which corresponds to the freehand note (see Column 6, Line 50 - Column 9, Line 12).

Regarding claim 2, Shetye discloses displaying a two-dimensional image of the suite of gestures on the template (see Column 10, Line 60 - Column 11, Line 12).

Regarding claim 3, Shetye discloses storing the two-dimensional image of the template and a curve on the image in a datastore (see Column 7, Lines 13-65).

Regarding claim 4, Shetye discloses storing the two-dimensional image of the template and the suite of gestures on the template in a datastore (see Column 7, Lines 13-65).

Regarding claim 5, Shetye discloses the freehand note is a cursive note (see Column 8, Line 57 - Column 9, Line 2).

Regarding claim 6, Shetye discloses the freehand note is a signature (see Column 8, Line 57 - Column 9, Line 2).

Regarding claim 7, Shetye discloses the information of the freehand note in the signal is different from the suite of gestures in the signal (see Column 8, Line 57 - Column 9, Line 12).

Regarding claim 8, Shetye discloses the displaying is performed on a computer display (see Column 7, Lines 13-65).

Regarding claim 9, Shetye discloses the selecting the template comprises comparing the suite of gestures from the signal with information of the plurality of different computer-level

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templates in a table of templates with each template having a different suite of gestures associated therewith (see Column 6, Lines 1-49).

Regarding claim 10, Shetye discloses the selecting comprises accessing the template in the table that corresponds most closely with the suite of gestures (see Column 6, Lines 1-49).

Regarding claim 11, Shetye discloses the signal is a wireless communications signal (see Column 7, Lines 66 - Column 8, Line 15).

Regarding claim 12, Shetye discloses the signal is an infrared signal (see Column 7, Lines 66 - Column 8, Line 15).

Regarding claim 13, Shetye discloses the signal is a radio frequency signal (see Column 7, Lines 66 - Column 8, Line 15).

Regarding claim 14, Shetye discloses creating a new one of the plurality of templates; providing information of the new one of the plurality of templates in the table; and associating a new suite of gestures with the information of the new one of the plurality of templates in the table (see Column 6, Lines 1-49).

Regarding claim 15, Shetye discloses the creating the new one of the plurality of templates includes a user creating the template utilizing an input device of a computer while the new one of the plurality of templates is displayed to the user (see Column 6, Lines 1-49).

Regarding claim 16, Shetye discloses the associating the new suite of gestures includes a user associating the new suite of gestures utilizing an input device of a computer (see Column 6, Lines 1-49).

Regarding claim 17, Shetye discloses the suite of gestures from the signal includes a number associated to one of the plurality of templates, and the selecting being based on the number (see Column 6, Lines 1-49).

Regarding claim 18, Shetye discloses the suite of gestures from the signal includes a plurality of numbers associated to one of the plurality of templates, and the selecting being based on the plurality of numbers (see Column 6, Lines 1-49).

Regarding claim 19, Shetye discloses the suite of gestures from the signal includes the coordinates of marks made on a form, and the selecting being based on the coordinates (see Column 9, Lines 3-52).

Regarding claim 20, Shetye discloses the information of a freehand note includes the location of the freehand note on a form, and the displaying the two-dimensional image of the

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curve on the image includes displaying the curve substantially in the location of the freehand note on the form (see Column 3, Lines 29-51).

Regarding claim 21, Shetye discloses the suite of gestures from the signal includes information of a location of a mark made on a form, and the selecting being based on the location (see Column 9, Lines 3-52).

Regarding claim 22, Shetye discloses the suite of gestures from the signal includes information of locations of a plurality of different marks made on a form, and the selecting being based on the location of each of the plurality of marks (see Column 9, Lines 3-52).

Regarding claim 23, Shetye discloses a method comprising: receiving from a form a suite of gestures associated with the form and information of a freehand note; converting the suite of gestures and the information of the freehand note to a signal; and transmitting the suite of gestures in the signal to a computer to display a two-dimensional layout of a template and the freehand note (see Column 7, Lines 35-50).

Regarding claim 24, Shetye discloses storing the wherein the receiving the suite of gestures comprises converting a command element from a control area into the suite of gestures (see Column 9, Lines 3-52).

Regarding claim 25, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 5.

Regarding claim 26, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 7.

Regarding claim 27, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 11.

Regarding claim 28, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 12.

Regarding claim 29, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 13.

Regarding claim 30, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 17.

Regarding claim 31, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 21.

Regarding claim 32, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 19.

Regarding claim 33, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 6.

Regarding claim 34, Shetye discloses the form being from a plurality of forms (see Column 9, Lines 3-52).

Regarding claim 35, Shetye discloses a computer-implemented method comprising:
communicating with a receiver [Fig. 1; 16] which receives a signal which is transmitted [Fig. 1;

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14]; recognizing a transmitted suite of gestures [Fig. 2; 58] in the signal; comparing the transmitted suite of gestures from the signal with a number of different computer-level suite of gestures, each computer-level suite of gestures having a different computer-level template associated therewith, and selecting a selected one of the computer-level suite of gestures based on a comparison with the suite of gestures in the signal; accessing a selected one of the different computer-level templates associated with the selected computer-level suite of gestures; displaying [Fig. 1; 18] a two-dimensional image of the selected template differing from form layouts corresponding the other computer-level templates; recognizing information of a cursive note [Fig. 2; 54] in freehand in the signal; and displaying a two-dimensional image a curve on the image, the curve being similar to the cursive note in freehand (see Column 6, Line 50 - Column 9, Line 12).

Regarding claim 36, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 8.

Regarding claim 37, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 3.

Regarding claim 38, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 6.

Regarding claim 39, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 11.

Regarding claim 40, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 12.

Regarding claim 41, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 13.

Regarding claim 42, Shetye discloses a machine-readable medium having executable instructions to cause a machine to perform a method comprising: receiving a signal from a receiver [Fig. 1; 14 & 16], the signal including a suite of gestures [Fig. 2; 58] and information of a freehand note [Fig. 2; 54], the information to describe the freehand note; selecting a template based on a comparison of the suite of gestures with a plurality of different computer-level templates, each of the plurality of templates being differentiated from each other; and displaying [Fig. 1; 18] a two-dimensional image of the template and a curve on the image which corresponds to the freehand note (see Column 6, Line 50 - Column 9, Line 12).

Regarding claim 43, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 2.

Regarding claim 44, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 3.

Regarding claim 45, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 4.

Regarding claim 46, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 5.

Regarding claim 47, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 6.

Regarding claim 48, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 7.

Regarding claim 49, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 8.

Regarding claim 50, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 9.

Regarding claim 51, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 10.

Regarding claim 52, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 11.

Regarding claim 53, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 12.

Regarding claim 54, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 13.

Regarding claim 55, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 14.

Regarding claim 56, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 15.

Regarding claim 57, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 16.

Regarding claim 58, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 17.

Regarding claim 59, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 18.

Regarding claim 60, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 19.

Regarding claim 61, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 20.

Regarding claim 62, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 21.

Regarding claim 63, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 22.

Regarding claim 64, Shetye discloses a machine-readable medium having executable instructions to cause a machine to perform a method comprising: receiving [Fig. 1; 14 & 16] a suite of gestures [Fig. 2; 58] associated with a form [Fig. 2; 2] and information of a freehand note [Fig. 2; 54]; converting the suite of gestures and the information of the freehand note to a signal; and transmitting the suite of gestures in the signal to a computer to display [Fig. 1; 18] a two-dimensional layout of a template and the freehand note (see Column 6, Line 50 - Column 9, Line 12).

Regarding claim 65, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 24.

Regarding claim 66, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 5.

Regarding claim 67, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 7.

Regarding claim 68, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 11.

Regarding claim 69, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 12.

Regarding claim 70, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 13.

Regarding claim 71, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 17.

Regarding claim 72, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 21.

Regarding claim 73, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 19.

Regarding claim 74, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 6.

Regarding claim 75, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 34.

Regarding claim 76, Shetye discloses a system, comprising: a form [Fig. 2; 2]; a network [Fig. 1; 14 & 16]; a first device having a surface [Fig. 1; 10] on which the form can be positioned, upon a user writing on the form a signal is transmitted containing a suite of gestures [Fig. 2; 58] and information of a freehand note [Fig. 2; 54]; and a second device having a receiver to receive the signal via the network, the second device to select a template having an identifying

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characteristic corresponding to the suite of gestures, the template having a layout similar to the form, the second device displaying [Fig. 1; 18] a two-dimensional image of the template and a curve corresponding to the freehand note (see Column 6, Line 50 - Column 9, Line 12).

Regarding claim 77, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 34.

Regarding claim 78, Shetye discloses the plurality of forms each include a writing sheet [Fig. 2; 2] and ink printed on the writing sheet, the ink leaving space for writing the note in freehand (see Column 8, Line 40 - Column 9, Line 12).

Regarding claim 79, Shetye discloses the template is customizable to change a location of the command area to allow for a different form having a command area at a different location to be used (see Column 8, Line 40 - Column 9, Line 12).

Regarding claim 80, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 11.

Regarding claim 81, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 12.

Regarding claim 82, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 13.

Regarding claim 84, Shetye discloses a kit [Fig. 1; 1] for recording a note [Fig. 2; 54] in freehand, comprising: a unit for relaying a suite of gestures [Fig. 2; 58] and information of a note

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in freehand created on a form [Fig. 2; 2], including a pad having a surface [Fig. 1;10] on which the form can be positioned, the pad including a housing, and, secured to the housing, a positioned sensor detecting the position of a writing tip of a writing instrument [Fig. 1; 22] is used to create the note in freehand and the suite of gestures on the form, and providing information of the note in freehand and the suite of gestures, a signal converter which receives the suite of gestures and the information of the note in freehand from the position sensor and converts the information and suite of gestures to a signal, and, a transmitter [Fig. 1; 14] which receives the signal from the signal converter and transmits the signal to a remote location; and a computer readable medium having stored thereon a program which, when executed by a processor of a user computer at the remote location is capable of: (i) communicating with a receiver which receives the signal which is transmitted; (ii) recognizing the suite of gestures in the signal; (iii) comparing the transmitted suite of gestures from the signal with a number of different computer-level suite of gestures, each computer-level suite of gestures having a different computer-level template associated therewith, and selecting a selected one of the computer-level suite of gestures based on a comparison with the suite of gestures in the signal; (iv) accessing a selected one of the different computer-level form templates associated with the selected computer-level suite of gestures; (V) displaying [Fig. 1; 18] a two-dimensional image of the selected template differing from form layouts corresponding the other computer-level templates; (vi) recognizing information of a cursive note in freehand in the signal; and (vii) displaying a two-dimensional image a curve on the image, the curve being similar to the cursive note in freehand (see Column 6, Line 50 - Column 9, Line 12).

Regarding claim 85, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied to reject claims 3 & 5.

Regarding claim 86, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 2.

Regarding claim 87, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 8.

Regarding claim 88, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 34.

Regarding claim 89, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied to reject claims 24 & 78.

Regarding claim 90, Shetye discloses at least some of the forms each include a writing sheet [Fig. 2; 2] and ink printed on the writing sheet, the ink being laid out so that a plurality of command areas are defined thereby (see Column 8, Line 40 - Column 9, Line 12).

Regarding claim 91, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied to reject claims 11 & 80.

Regarding claim 92, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 12.

Regarding claim 93, this claim is rejected by the reasoning applied in rejecting claim 13.

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Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Combs et al. (US 6,756,965 B2), Wolff et al. (US 6,081,261 A), Samreus (US 5,191,329 A), and Allen (US 4,991,091 A) are cited to further evidence the state of the art pertaining to freehand note communication and display methods.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeff Piziali whose telephone number is (703) 305-8382. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (6:30AM - 3PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on (703) 305-4938. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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